

to Isaac D'Israeli one day in the middle of November, •' restless and ambitious as usual : such dispositions always carve oat their way.' The son was indeed determined to carve out his way, and restlessness and ambition marked all his conduct at this time of crisis. His first appeal appears to have been addressed to a high Radical quarter.

To Lord Durham,.

BRADENHAM HOUSE,
HIGH WTCOMBE,

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*onday, Nov. 17, 1834. MY DEAR LORD
DURHAM,*

My electioneering prospects look gloomy. The squires throughout my own county look grim at a Radical, and the Liberal interest is split and pre-engaged in our few towns, 'that I fear I shall fail. At present I am looking after Ayles-bury, where young Hobhouse was beat last time, and will be beat this, if he try, but where, with my local influence, your party would succeed. If you have influence with Hob-house, counsel him to resign in my favour, and not of another person, as 'tis rumoured he will. At the same time if Nugent return, he will beat us all. So my dear Lord, my affairs are black; therefore, remember me and serve me if you can. My principles you are acquainted with; as for my other qualifications, I am considered a great popular orator.

What do you think of the Tories ! at a moment when decision and energy would be pearls and diamonds to them, they have formed a provisional Government ! The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the

way of the — Lords. Such is Wellington's solitary cry; a Bap

tist worthy of such a
Messiah as — Peel.

In great haste,
Dear Lord
Durham,
Your
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Durham's reply was
sympathetic. He had not,
indeed, sufficient
acquaintance with
Hobhouse to justify his
interference at
Aylesbury; but, he
added, ' these are times
which require the
presence in Parliament
of every true

¹ Eeid's *Life of Durham*, I., p. 408.